

CLAIMS

1. A system for managing a computer network having a multiplicity of users, applications programs and servers, the system comprising
- 5 a) user interface means for displaying a list of tasks appropriate to a given user at a given time, said user interface means capable of exchanging data with the computer network,
- 10 b) administration means comprising a software object including a set of rules defining the relationships between users, applications programs and servers, said administration means capable of exchanging data with the computer network and with the user interface means,
- 15 c) a module comprising database means and one or more LDAP compliant directories for storing user records and/or application program records and/or server records, to enable updating of said records in a systematic way, and
- 20 d) synchronisation means for managing and synchronising the exchange of data between said administration means, module c), and the computer network,
- the system being adapted and arranged to enable users to cause or permit
- 25 said administration means to perform one or more tasks from the group consisting of: user record creation; user record updating; user record deletion; application program installation; application program commissioning; application program updating; changing application program location; application program deletion; server commissioning, server updating; server removal.
2. A system as claimed in claim 1 in which the set of rules is stored as a set of objects in an object-oriented environment.
3. A system as claimed in claim 1 in which module c) consists of a meta-directory.

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4. A system as claimed in claim 1 in which the synchronisation means includes a databus.
5. A system as claimed in claim 1 in which there are a plurality of classes of user, each class having a respective set of appropriate tasks.
- 5 6. A system as claimed in claim 1 in which the user record comprises a number of data fields, as specified in Appendix A and B.

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